



Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association
Board member nomination form

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Nominee's name: Joseph O'Brien
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Nominating club: Berkeley Lacrosse Club
Club's NCJLA Delegate: Charlie Rockman

I, Joseph O'Brien (type or print name of nominee) have read the [NCJLA board member job description](#) and if elected will serve as a board member of the NCJLA fulfilling the obligations and expectations of the position. I have also read the [NCJLA statutory and advisory committee positions](#) document and understand that I will hold one of these positions.

I agree JOB (initials)

Describe Lacrosse related experience:

- 2 Years Junior Varsity at Fordham Preparatory school in Bronx, NY
- 3 years Coaching with Berkeley Lacrosse Club (1 year assisting U11, 2 years head coach U13)
- 3 Years working with BLC board (1 year advisory 2 years as Vice President, Web Manager, Equipment Manager, Temporary work as Boy's Rep, Delegate, Field Rep/Coordinator, Coach Manager)
- Coordinated and instructed Lacrosse P.E. program at Northern Lights school in Oakland
- Working with Albany Unified School district to get soft stick programs in Albany Elementary schools
- Working with students to start an Albany High JV program this year

Describe professional and/or volunteer experience:

- Previous work experience in photographic processing, power point presentations
- 8 years in the hospitality industry
- Volunteered with Boy Scouts of America Troop 14 Albany chapter on outings and as a badge counselor

Which board statutory positions and/or committee chair positions would be of primary interest?
Note what in your background would make you qualified for the position.

- I think that I would be a good fit dealing with club support and compliance. I am very good at familiarizing myself with rules and have the requisite personal skills to assist clubs in adhering to those rules. I am particularly interested in the outreach and new club support goals. I completely understand the concept that the best way for clubs to always be in compliance is for them to be fully informed. I also feel that growth of the sport in the

area is incredibly important, and that understanding and proper support both from the League as well as neighboring clubs is essential to the success and confidence of a new club.

Which board committees would be of secondary interest and what in your background would make you a suitable chair of the committee?

- I am also interested in sportsmanship and safety. Having had a concussion at the very beginning of my season last year I definitely learned a lot about the issues that can arise within a club or team when something like that happens. I also grew up back east with some very old school players and appreciate the importance of sportsmanship on and off the field. I do my best to teach my players and anyone I instruct on the sport that it has a rich history and deserves the utmost respect. Each player should be an ambassador for the sport, and always remember that being a lacrosse player is something they all share. The sense of community we all feel is incredibly important to the health of the sport.